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Subject: Keep Portland vibrant with a balanced clean up plan for the Harbor

It's great to see people swimming in the Willamette river again. It says people are feeling positive about the health of the river. My concern is that we don't overdo it and damage the economy and the potential blue collar job growth that is also a feature of healthy waterway.

Of course, it matters that the river is cleaned up. It seems reasonable, from what I've read, to allow natural processes to do much of the work, and do it just as well. And the fish is already safe to eat. That's a good direction, so focus on those areas that do need a boost from a more intensive action. But let's avoid being punitive for the sake of punitive-- we only punish ourselves by increasing costs unnecessarily, in a city that's already getting expensive. We're moving in the right direction already.

I know a few people at the tavern I frequent that depend on the river for their livelihood. They will thank you for picking a plan that respects the jobs in the harbor.

Sincerely,

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